

Senior Trip to Kenya

Date: May 25–June 3, 2012 (10 days)—dates are tentative until we nail down local graduation dates and best travel dates with airlines. At this point, we are just as likely to travel on our second option dates of **June 2–10**. We anticipate 5 business days and 4 weekend days. The first option includes Memorial Day to allow for slightly easier travel schedule without going into a sixth business day.

Cost: approximately \$3,200 in these suggested installments—

- \$500 due by November 13, 2011;
- \$500 due by January 15, 2012;
- \$500 due by February 12, 2012 [** Tickets Purchased. If \$1000 has been turned in and the funds are available from the church by this date, the church's funds will be added to your deposits in order to purchase tickets.*];
- \$500 due by March 11, 2012;
- \$600 due by April 15, 2012; and
- \$600 due by May 6, 2012.

*Tithing members of FBC Centerton may make **application** for a \$1,000 scholarship if funds are available in the direct missions account. Helps are available online at FBCCenterton.org/missions for team members needing to raise additional financial support.***

Location: 3 villages near the [Samburu Game Preserve](#) on the Eastern edge of the Rift Valley Province of Kenya.

Passport/Visas/Airports: Passport required but *not* included in cost. Visa required and *is* included in cost.) We will fly into Nairobi, Kenya, stay one night in Nairobi, and drive to the Samburu area.

Number of People: Student evangelism and church planting team—7-15 people, supporting a medical team of at least four trained people.

Team Coordinator: Bob Metcalf

Peoples Targeted

We will work with the church-planting strategist for the Kenya Baptist Convention in their efforts to plant churches within walking distance of every Kenyan, and with the gospel preached in their own language.

We will be in a semiarid, rural area, dotted by small villages and one tourist-friendly town. Elevations are from 2,500 to 4,000 feet. By late May and early June, the equatorial climate will be hot and wet (the long rains) but beginning to dry out. Daytime temps can be in the 90's and the sun is very strong if it is shining. Nighttimes can be as cool as the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Project Description

While adults are welcome to supplement this graduating-seniors team, the energy and passion of young adults will be focused on meeting members of a Kenyan tribe in order to evangelize and plant churches. We will be using a medical team to attract attention to the church planters as people come for rare, local medical care.

The strategist and churches we will be helping are a part of a **church planting movement**. Evangelism primarily is done with small groups visiting in homes, at the temporary clinic, and visiting along roadways, or in the marketplaces. The team member will be accompanied by a member of one of several Kenya Baptist Churches partnering with the Kenya Baptist Mission. Kiswahili and English are the official



* If you have access to enough frequent flier miles to cover your airfare, you may receive credit toward your total cost. See Bob to work it out.

** If family members ask you what you want for Christmas or for graduation, you may want to suggest they make a tax-deductible donation to First Baptist Church Centerton with the memo line: **Kenya 2012 Mission**. If they decide to do this, be sure to ask them to let you turn it in for them. Non-members of First Baptist Church will receive acknowledgement from the church of their contributions. This acknowledgement will be at the conclusion of the year in January of the following year.

languages of Kenya. The interpreters will help us reach people who do not have strong English skills. A tract and flip chart designed for East Africa and the Evangecube[®], will be the primary sources of materials used to share the gospel.

Daily Agenda and Side Trips

Our team will be on the plane for two nights. We will use local lodging May 26 through June 1 (if we travel using the first option listed on page 1)--7 nights. We will arrive home on Sunday, June 3. Since May 31 is Memorial Day, this will involve 5 workdays for those requesting vacations for May 25, 29-31, and June 1. Adjustments will be discussed with team members if we opt for the later schedule. The first plan works best for team members who are also going to New Orleans with Worship 360.

We will work the plan our missionary asks us to work from May 27 (in the churches) through June 1 — five days of evangelism and organizing churches.

On June 1 or 2, we will go on an African Safari in a nearby game reserve or park. We will eat a special meal that evening before going to the airport for a late-night departure to Europe and Northwest Arkansas.

Qualifications

- Doctor, nurse, EMT, pharmacist, dentist, and other medical personnel can help us build a uniquely useful team.
- Recent high school graduate, college student, or a worker with or parent of a student in this category (If you don't meet this description but still have a passion to be a part of this project, talk personally with Bob Metcalf about whether you may still "fit" with this kind of group.)
- Daily walk with Christ
- Trained to share the gospel with individuals, and willing to share a testimony or preach a sermon in a Kenyan church

Training Meetings

- Team members must be committed to participating in at least four pre-trip team meetings
- Training will include cultural awareness, travel tips, practice of evangelistic techniques we will use, sermon preparation for preachers, and building a team of prayer and financial supporters outside your church.
- Meetings will be scheduled at FBC Centerton, and in the homes of some of the team members.
- Veterans of previous Senior trips will be invited to share testimonies and answer your questions at the team meetings.

Health Considerations

- Ability to walk moderate distances in the heat each day
- Shots: Yellow fever; Cholera, DPT; Hepatitis A; Typhoid; and meningitis at your own expense.
- Malaria medication will also be needed.
- We will eat two meals each day, and carry a mid-day snack.
- Bottled water will be provided each day, and is the only safe drinking water while in Africa.

Clothing

- Modest, lightweight cotton clothing is best.
- Women should wear skirts or dresses calf-length when sharing; men must wear long pants. When preaching, men should wear a tie as a show of respect for the local culture.
- **Enclosed** shoes such as athletic shoes or hiking boots are best for outdoors. Sandals are a bad idea!
- A packing list will be provided by the team leader

Housing and in-country transportation

The hotels will be determined later as our exact villages are determined. Previous teams have often had to be flexible because of frequent power outages and temporary losses of hot water for showers. However, if or when this happens, the Kenyan people work hard and show tremendous concern for our comfort by helping us overcome technical glitches by providing buckets of heated water each evening. Our land transportation will be in tour vans driven by guides who are experienced with our kind of project. Many are believers who serve in ministries in their own churches near Nairobi.

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